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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated November 5, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

No new matter is believed to be added to the application.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 5-8, 10-13, 18 and 20 are pending in the application and stand rejected.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on Shinozuka

Claims 1, 5-8, 10-13, 18 and 20 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Shinozuka (U.S. Patent 5,298,305) in view of